



Child Care Resources in Howard County

CARE Center - CARE Line 410-313-CARE (2273)

A free information and referral call center to answer questions concerning children ages 0-18 years. This service provides information for parents to find programs, resources, and services in the community. Call during office hours Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm or email questions to children@howardcountymd.gov

LOCATE: Child Care 1-877-261-0060

A free, personalized resource, referral and counseling service designed to help parents choose a quality child care program to best meet their personal needs. This is a free service provided by the Maryland Family Network and funded by the Maryland State Department of Education. Counseling hours are Mon- Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

<http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org>

Care for Spanish speaking families, Military families and Children with special needs: Enhanced LOCATE services 1-800-999-0120

http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_parents/specialneeds.html

Howard County Child Care Resource Center 410-313-1940

Provides professional development opportunities and information to child care and early childhood professionals. Assistance is given to individuals and groups seeking to open or enhance child care facilities. Email questions to childcare@howardcountymd.gov.

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children>

MSDE Howard/Carroll County Office of Child Care (OCC) 410-750-8771

The Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care is responsible for licensing and monitoring of all child care centers and family child care providers in Maryland.

Information regarding registration, regulations and child care policies:

http://marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/licensing_branch/licensing_branch.htm

Current lists of licensed child care programs of all types sites:

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/lists

Child care licensing inspection results:

Inspections conducted since January 2011: <http://checkccmd.org>

Inspections conducted before January 2011: <http://msdecompliancereports.org/msdesearch.asp>

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Purchase of Care/Child Care Subsidy (Howard County) 410-872-8700

A program which provides financial assistance for child care to income eligible residents.

http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/divisions/child_care/subsidy

Before & After Care on site at Howard County Public Schools (call or check website for locations)

Howard County Recreation & Parks 410-313-7275

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments.aspx?ID=1242>

The Columbia Association 410-715-3164

http://www.columbiaassociation.org/content/getinvolved/kids/school_care.cfm

Howard County Family Child Care Association

Parent's message line for child care referrals 301-776-4841

<http://www.hcfcca.com/parents.html>